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# PBA tourney pulls national talent

Bowling pros, locals tackle inaugural event

By Sgt. Cullen James  
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Professional, semi-pro and amateur bowlers from around the Southwest rolled into Fort Huachuca's Desert Lanes for the Inaugural MWR Desert Lanes PBA Western Region Open bowling tournament held April 28-30.

Nearly 80 participants fell onto the lanes for the three-day event. Six of the bowlers were locals who won spots in the tournament. The remaining bowlers were members of the Professional Bowler's Association.

"This is a new stop for the tour," said Mike Friedrichs, director, PBA Western Region. The PBA Western Region includes Arizona, New Mexico, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah and Oregon. "We are offering 21 tournaments this year - up from 17 last year."

The tournament offered local players the opportunity to play against national bowlers and a higher level of competition. First place carried a purse of \$3,000, and cash prizes went to the top 16 places.

"[Our tournaments] usually have a grand prize of about \$3,000. Instead of beefing up first place, we try and spread it out a little," Friedrichs said.

"National tournaments carry a first prize of between 20,000 - 25,000," said Mark Gerberich, PBA commissioner. "That's a big jump - many of these bowlers can make their year by winning one or two of these tournaments."

"Regional tours are like our minor league," Gerberich said using a baseball metaphor. "Baseball has their single A, double A and triple A leagues, and that's what our regionals are like. But, our guys [who are] on national tours can play in regional tournaments."

Friedrichs explained that for a regional player to go on national tour, he must "cash out" in two regional tournaments. "They can always play in any tournament, but to go on tour, they have to cash out twice," he said.

"One-third of the bowlers cash out in each tournament," Gerberich said. "So, players have a lot of opportunity to win spots of the national tour."

"It was a great shot, I just missed a lot of easy spares," said Randy Carter, a local PBA member from the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Sports Center here. He was



Photo by Sgt. Cullen James

Two-time national PBA title holder, Dave Arnold prepared an assault on the pins during the Inaugural MWR Desert Lanes PBA Western Region Open, held April 28 - 30 at the Desert Lanes here.

referring to the oil pattern that is used on the lanes. "It makes a big difference," he added.

Oil is applied to any bowling lane and affects the way the ball rolls, breaks and hits the pins.

"The house guy [from Desert Lanes] who normally oils the lanes has nothing to do with it for the tournament," Carter explained. "They bring in their own guy to lay the oil. It can be a real change for someone who's never rolled a PBA lane before."

"Although the shot was fabulous, if you're not used to bowling the pattern it can be hard," said Terry Straus, a local bowler from Company C, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion.

The oil patterns may have been different than normal, but most of the tournament bowlers agreed that the lane conditions, or "shot," was great. "The lane conditions were definitely great," said Dennis Horan, tournament winner and PBA National Tour member.

Horan, a left-hander, explained that while the right-handers were having to

change balls and lane positions, the left-handers weren't faced with that challenge. "There's only three left-handed bowlers in the tournament," he said. "While the lane conditions were changing for the right-handers, our conditions stayed about the same. I don't know if that had anything to do with how well I did. I just had a great time."

The PBA hopes the MWR Desert Lanes Western Regional Open becomes an annual tournament, according to Friedrichs. "We've had a great time here and look forward to future events," he said.

"Everything's been great," Horan echoed. "We've been treated well and the conditions are good. The shot's great, you can see that from the scores. As long as I'm not on the national tour, I'd come back."

Horan took the tournament leading by over 230 pins.

The tournament top five were:

1. Dennis Horan, San Diego, Calif.
2. David Street, Fresno, Calif.
3. Michael Haugen, Jr., Mesa, Ariz.

4. Jeff Hickenbottom, Brea, Calif.
5. Mike Taylor, San Diego, Calif.

Here's how the local (Fort Huachuca/Sierra Vista) competitors did:

46. Svet Vukomanovich, Fort Huachuca
47. Matt Kirsner, Fort Huachuca
60. Shawn Johnson, Sierra Vista
77. Terry Stauss, Fort Huachuca

Only the top 16 places in the tournament advanced into the finals. The top 26 places were awarded cash prizes.

To become a PBA member, said Gerberich, you must carry a 200+ average with a league for two consecutive years. Once you join, you can participate in any regional or national tournament, but must cash out in two tournaments before being asked to join the national tour.

"It's my ultimate dream," said Carter. "I'd like to ... go full time on the regional circuit and eventually go national."

Carter thought for a second then added, "Of course it's my dream, I've been bowling since I was four years old."

# Post previews tale of Roman Empire

By Sgt. Cullen James  
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A general strides forward, trooping the line, inspecting his combat-hardened, battle-ready soldiers.

But this isn't a scene from any number of Army ceremonies. This scene was presented to hundreds of people from the local community as they previewed the DreamWorks Pictures movie, "Gladiator," Tuesday at the Cochise Theatre here.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Armed Forces Communications and DreamWorks Pictures provided the movie, which releases nationwide Friday, to 24 Army and Air Force Installations.

"It's the first time Fort Huachuca has gotten a preview like this," said Connie Carter, AAFES general manager here. "Our headquarters decided who got the movie, and we happened to be one of the lucky ones."

The movie opened at 7 p.m. to 304 people from Fort Huachuca, Sierra Vista and other local communities. Prior to the movie's start, Carter and Cochise Theater employee Joe Crawshaw drew names for a Gladiator movie-poster giveaway. Ten people received copies of the poster.

"It was a pretty good movie," said Ceddar Rowland, wife of Sgt. Joseph Rowland. "I think it was pretty odd that [Fort Huachuca] got to preview the movie..."

"It was outstanding," husband Joseph interrupted. "I think [by previewing movies on military installations] you reach a wider variety of people than if you just previewed it in a major city."

"It was a great movie," said Pvt. Jarvis Lakemaker, intelligence analyst student from Company A, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion. "When I was in college, we got preview movies all the time. It's great that we're get-



Photo by Sgt. Cullen James

**Pvt. Jason Gedney, intelligence analyst student, Company A, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion, receives his poster after his name was drawn.**

ting them in the military."

"It's definitely a privilege," echoed Pfc. Charles Pax, intelligence analyst student, A,309th MI BN.

"It was a great movie with a lot of potential," said Eva M. Dixon, human resources assistant, Fort Huachuca AAFES. "It's actually an honor to get movie [previews] like this."

"I don't know how they picked which installations got the films, we just got to be one of them," said Bob Leisner, manager, Cochise Theatre.

With this preview, AAFES management hopes there might be more viewings in the future. "We had very detailed guidelines as to how we showed the preview. It had to be free and begin at 7 p.m.," said Carter. "If all goes well, we hope we get to do it again."



Photo courtesy of Universal Studios/DreamWorks Pictures

**Juba (Djimon Hounsou), center left, and General Maximus (Russell Crowe), center right, battle as gladiators in the arena.**

## A brief introduction to Roman history, 161 - 192

*(Editor's note: since we don't have the manpower to critique films on a regular basis, we offer instead this quick historical look at some of the characters involved in the film "Gladiator.")*

**Compiled by Sgt. Cullen James  
Scout Staff**

Hundreds were able to see a free preview of the movie Gladiator Tuesday. For the film's story, go see the movie, but here's a quick look at what history says about some of the movie's principles.

### Commodus:

Emperor Commodus ruled the Roman Empire from 180 - 192 A.D. Historians consider him a spoiled brat who was more fond of performing in the arena than governing the empire. By performing in the arena in the form of a gladiator, he shocked most Romans (The arena was considered a place for criminals or gladiators, who were considered a rather seedy lot).

Commodus became highly paranoid after discovering several plots against his life, some by his most trusted friends and advisors. He even banished his wife, Crispina, and sister Lucilla to an island prison and later had them murdered.

Commudus himself was murdered New Year's Eve, 192 A.D. His mistress, Marcia, poisoned him — which only drugged him — and he was then strangled to death by a young wrestler. He was succeeded to the throne by Pertinax, who ruled only one year (193 A.D.) and was himself assassinated by the very people who put him in power.

The very same soldiers who assassinated Pertinax then put the Roman Empire up for auction and the throne went to the highest bidder.

### Marcus Aurelius:

Emperor Marcus Aurelius ruled Rome from 161 - 180 A.D. Although his favorite things were to study philosophy and other scholarly pursuits, he spent most of his reign at war with barbarians.

His philisophical writings are regarded as shedding considerable light on the last years of peace and prosperity in the Roman Empire — which ended with his death.

The only fault historians find with his reign is that he appointed his son, Commodus, to the throne rather than a capable administrator or army general.

### General Maximus?

The only reference to a Roman General named Maximus was Gen. Magnus Maximus, who served as general to Emperor Valentinian II during the early 380s.

Maximus murdered Valentinian and his troops set him up as emporer of the Western region of the empire. In 388 A.D. Eastern Emporer Theodosius I, defeated Maximus, captured him and had him executed.

Historians think that had Maximus not killed Valentinian, Theodosius' brother-in-law, Theodosius never would have challenged Maximus' reign.

# Post, Sierra Vista ready for Thunder Mountain race

By Tanja M. Linton  
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The U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca and the city of Sierra Vista are pleased to host the world-class Thunder Mountain Marathon and Relays Saturday.

Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas, Jr., commanding general of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, is scheduled to speak at 5:50 a.m. His remarks will be followed by an invocation by Chaplain Thomas and the playing of the National Anthem.

The wheel chair race starts promptly at 5:59 a.m. The full marathon begins exactly one minute later at 6 a.m.

The race will proceed from Veterans’ Memorial Park to Fort Huachuca. The finish line is set on Chaffee Parade Field on post.

The half marathon and fun run awards ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. at the south end of the bleachers. The marathon and relays ceremony will begin at 11 a.m.

A map of the course can also be found at [www.mwrhuachuca.com](http://www.mwrhuachuca.com). Click on special events for details on the race.

**Race road closures:**

Saturday, the following roads will be closed: Squire (Brainard to Kelsay). On post traffic should detour up Kelsay. Brainard (Kelsay to Hatfield) from 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. Brainaird (Hatfield to Arizona) 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. Whitside (Brainard to Irwin) 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Whitside (Irwin to Smith) 6:30 a.m. to 9a.m. Garden Canyon Road 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Winrow (Irwin to Mountain View Golf Course) 7a.m. to 12 p.m. Off post traffic must detour down Squire. Use caution while driving and keep your eyes out for the runners.

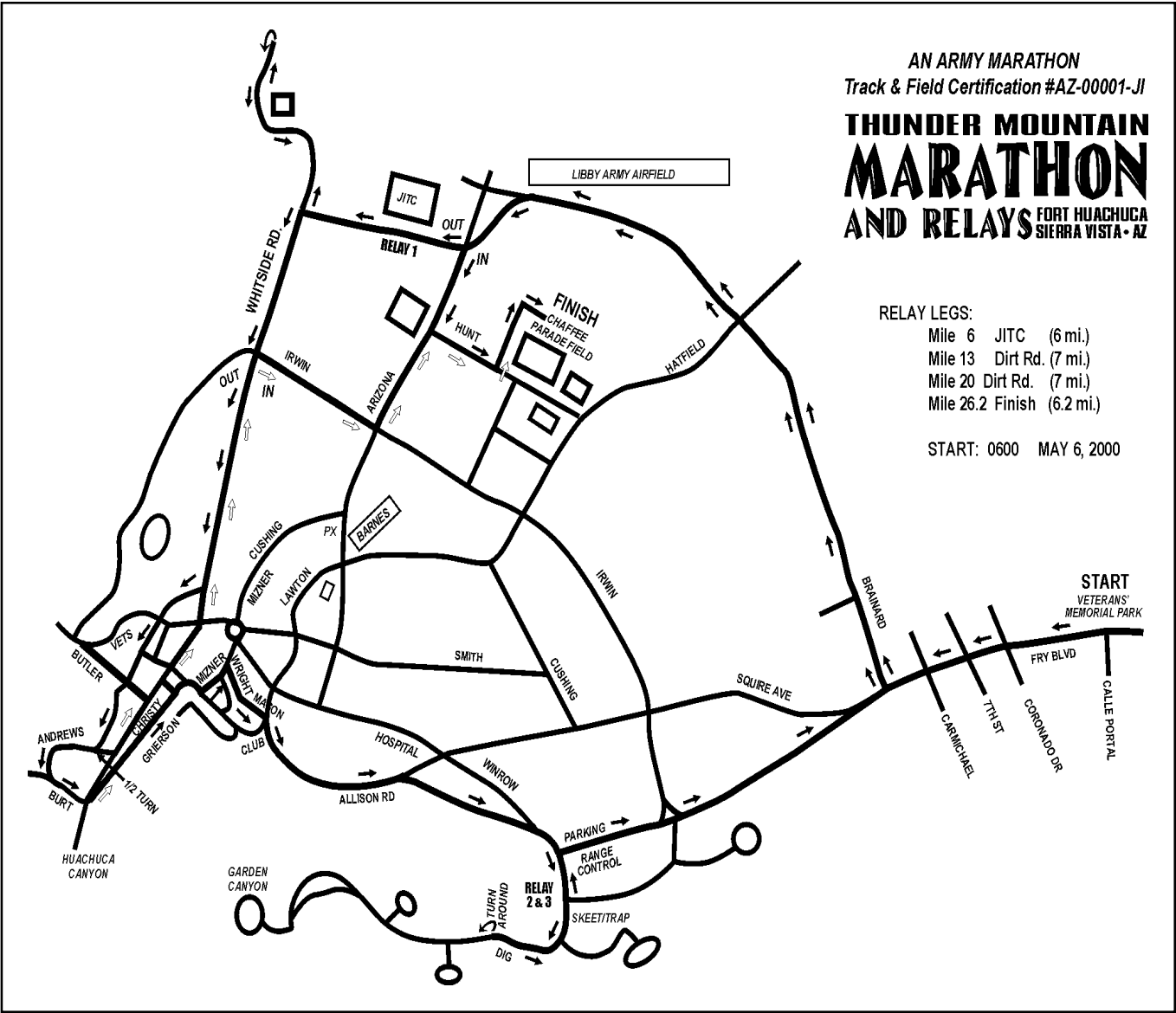


Photo by Sgt. 1st Class LaToya E. Sizer

**Lt. Col. Jennie Williamson, 504th Signal Battalion commander, leads her soldiers during the Law Day Fun Run Friday. This run kicked off Law Day 2000 activities. Hundreds of Fort Huachuca soldiers, Marines and civilians participated in the 4-mile open race.**

## Sports Ninded

**Who won the NCAA men’s only triple-overtime championship game?**  
- North Carolina (defeated Kansas, 54-53).

**What team won the 1998-1999 Women’s NCAA basketball championship?**  
- Purdue University.

**Besides the answer to the question above, what other teams made the 1999 NCAA Women’s “Final Four?”**  
- Duke, Georgia and Louisiana Tech.

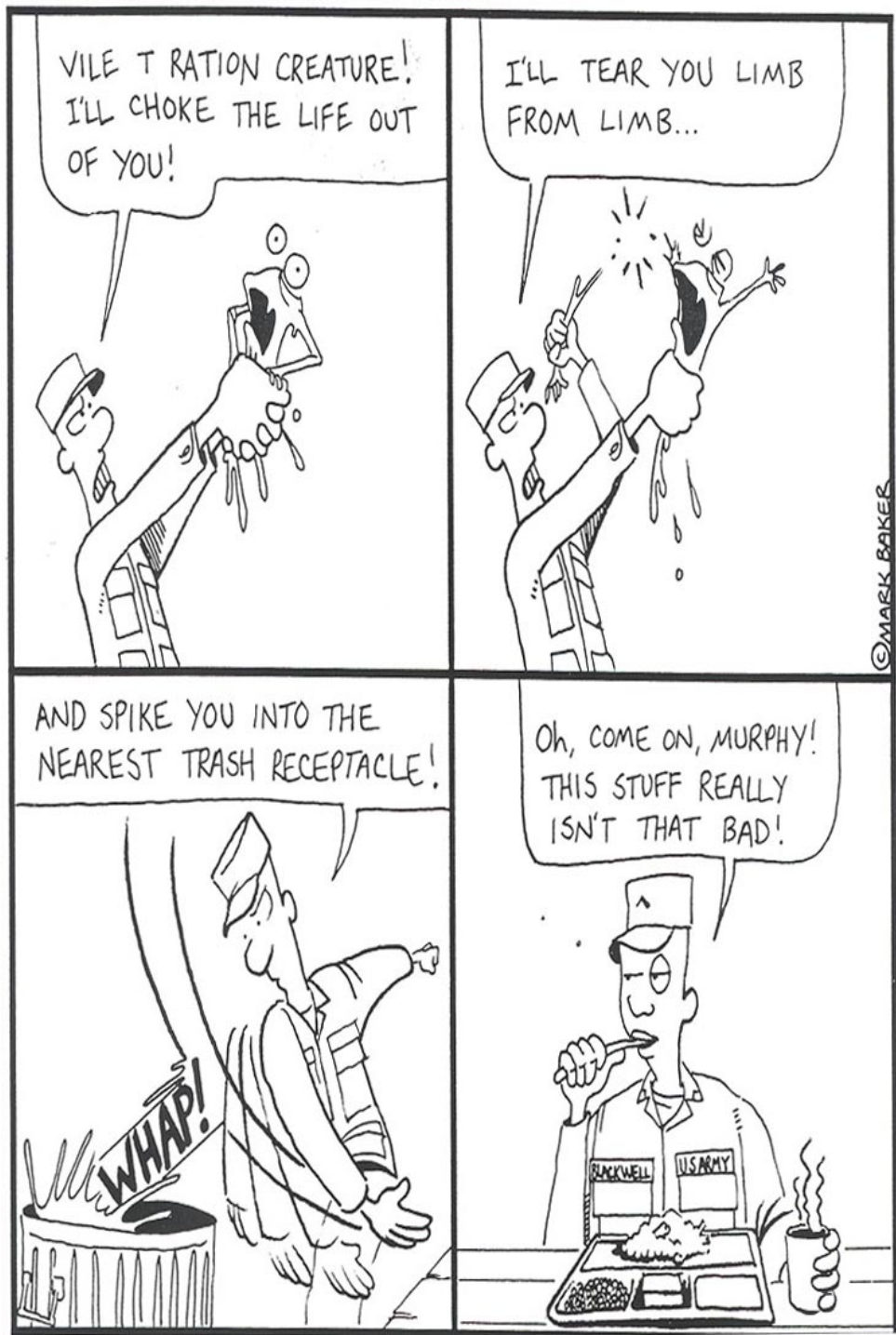
**Since the NCAA women’s basketball tournament was started in 1982, what college program has claimed the most women’s hoop titles?**  
- The University of Tennessee.

**What woman has coached her team to the most NCAA women’s college basketball titles?**  
- Pat Summitt, University of Tennessee - six titles.



Pvt. Murphy's Law

By Mark Baker



Bataan Memorial Death March

The following is a list of Fort Huachuca participants in the 2000 Bataan Memorial Death March which was held April 16 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

Electronic Proving Ground:  
COL Hugo Keyner  
CPT Lloyd L. Togisala  
SGT Maj. Paul Rodriguez  
SSG Erik M. DeMoss  
SSG Monte P. McRae Jr.  
SGT William Neptune  
SPC George Brunson  
SPC Katie H. Lingg

Bde. for their group.  
PV2 Margaret A. Christopher  
Placed 4th overall for her group (Individual Military Female Heavy).

Fort Huachuca Army Materiel Command  
Mark Tiefel, chief, Logistics Assistance Office

Team Height 1876 (3<sup>rd</sup> place, Male military heavy category):  
LTCDR Rudy Holm, USCG, El Paso Intelligence Center, Fort Bliss, TX  
LTC David McElroy, USA, A Co, 306th MI Bn, Ft Huachuca, AZ  
CPT Anthony Pusateri, USAR, 490th Civil Affairs Battalion, Abilene, TX  
MSG Alan Contreras, USA (Ret), Sierra Vista, AZ  
SGT Karl Korpall, USA, US Army Institute of Surgical Research, Fort Sam Houston, TX  
SPC Aaron Mundras, USA, A Co, 306th MI Bn, Ft Huachuca, AZ

40<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion  
SGT Jesus Renteria  
1SG Frank Gunn  
SFC Gordon Evans  
SPC Christi Kane  
SPC Nathan Rudolph  
PFC Christopher Montoya  
PV2 Bradley Nicholes  
This year we took 9<sup>th</sup> in Heavy Coed Military out of the 380 teams that registered.

SPC. Manual Olvera placed 7<sup>th</sup> in Individual Male Military Heavy, with a time of 6 hours, 14 minutes.

The Desert Divas - Female Civilian Light  
Michele Lewis  
Margaret Boltz – daughter of surviving Bataan marcher  
Anja Conway  
Carlette Eden  
SFC Laurie Williams  
CPT Erin Iverson  
Joanna Goodman  
Jennifer Carter - alternate team member  
This team finished with a time of 7 hours, 30 minutes and 50 seconds and placed 4th overall in their category.

Company A, 305<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion:  
Military Male Heavy:  
SPC Steven Gray  
SPC Kenneth Favorite  
PFC Timothy Bennett  
PFC Jose' Garcia  
PFC Buddy Francisco  
PV2 Ario Sanchez  
PVT William Chapman  
Team placed 1st overall in the 111th MI

We regret if any teams or individuals from Fort Huachuca are missing from the list, but this is all that was sent to us as of press time. We are unable to run any more Bataan Memorial Death March lists after this edition of the Scout, as the event will no longer be timely. Congratulations to all who participated in the march.

Knights advance to championship game

By Sgt. Julius Stroud III  
Special to The Scout

In an intense battle against the Tucson Blaze, the Coronado Knights football team advances to the Fifth Annual Pima County Bowl. This game marks the first time that a team outside of Pima County has competed in the championship game.

The Knights entered this game with an unimpressive record of 6-4. That did not deter the spirits of the Knights or their fans. After the opening kick-off, the Knights defense took the field. The Knights held the Blaze up until third and long when #11 Terrence Bryant broke for a 65-yard touchdown for the first score of the game. A bad snap resulted in a two-point conversion. The Knights seemed to be stunned, but determined not to give up.

Second quarter the Knights put together an impressive drive. Running backs #2 Chris Shead, #3 Anthony Conway and #28 Rashad Sypho pounded the ball up the

middle to soften up the Blaze defense. As soon as the Blaze defense showed run support the Knights took the ball to the air. QB Bill Brown connected with TE Edjuan Williams for a seemingly short pass. Williams determined to score broke tackles and rumbled into the endzone to make the score 8-7.

Towards the end of the second quarter, the Knights defense stepped their level of play up and stopping the Blaze offense. The Knights regained possession of the ball, and with the help of two unsportsmanlike-conduct penalties, the Knights drove the ball to the Blaze five-yard line. It wasn't long before #28 Sypho popped the ball into the endzone. The Knights went for a two point conversion, but failed and went in at the half 13-8.

Second half action was just as intense as the first, but the tide seemed to be in favor of the Blaze. The Blaze offense seemed to be working like a well oiled

machine against the Knights defense. Blaze RB Bryant broke numerous tackles and scrambling 60 yards for yet another Blaze touchdown. The score was 15-13 in favor of the Blaze.

In the final quarter of this battle, the Blaze tried to put the nail in the Knight's coffin. Blaze QB Manny Bayez tried to go deep for speedster Reggie Thompson, but was robbed when #2 Julius Stroud intercepted the ball and returned it to the Blaze 10 yard line. The Knights offense struggled and had to settle for a field goal. With six minutes left in the game the score was 16-15 Knights way.

The Blaze would put together another scoring drive that was set up by Justin Canovali.

"I thought for sure I was going to score, but [Stroud] made a good play by catching me from behind," Bayez said.

The Blaze punched the ball into the endzone taking the lead 22-16 with less

than three minutes left in the game. The Knights offense stalled and turned the ball over to the Blaze. The Blaze got two delay-of-game penalties and made it second down and long. With determination in their eyes, Knights DE Chris Davis sacked the QB, stripped the ball out as he was falling, and stumbled into the endzone.

At the end of the game OT William McCraney said, "It's is fun to win, but we still have not dethroned the champions yet. Next week we can celebrate when we win, but not now." Head Coach Dale Gotchall stated, "you never stop playing until it is over. That is what my men did and I am proud of them."

The Coronado Knights will represent Sierra Vista and Fort Huachuca this Saturday as the travel to Tucson to take on the defending champions the Tucson Dawgs. The game will be played at 7 p.m. at the Tucson High Magnet School, 400 N. Second Ave., Tucson.